

**ELA TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2003
5:00 P.M.
95 EAST MAIN STREET
LAKE ZURICH, IL. 60047
UPSTAIRS
Approved September 11, 2003**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:14p.m.

2. BOARD ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Tinerella, Clerk Prouty, Trustees Black, Burch, Knudtson and Sullivan.

**3. ELA TOWNSHIP SOCIAL
WORKER/DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE
ACTION**

The Board had reviewed Lake Zurich Police Social Worker proposal and plans, and this was why this meeting was called ahead of the Lake Zurich meeting at 6:00p.m., so the Ela Township Board could be united in their presentation.

At this time Trustee Black summarized that the Social Worker is an evolving program that originally started out with the idea of having the police involved but after some consideration of this a lot of draw backs because of the fear of being a police program.

Recommend that the Township does not accept Lake Zurich Village Police Department proposition.

Trustee Burch's stated that he changed his mind when it was propose that this was a Police Social worker and the problem that the police department had they did not want another employee and they thought it could easily be handled by Omni. And this was originally what he thought it was. And I did a hundred per cent turn around when

Trustee Black stated let's make it a Township employee.

Trustee Black stated that all the feed back that she has received from specialists in this field was to make this a Township employee and not a police employee.

Trustee Knudtson stated that the Board had to go back to the beginning and look at how the chain of command on this project got out proportions by not directing all the information to Trustee Black.

Trustee Black had trouble meeting with Chief Urry.

Supervisor Tinerella stated that any body looking in at us from outside would see that we do not have a plan.

Trustee Knudtson said our Social worker would work with all agencies and police departments and the Township would be the main umbrella over all of the agencies.

Trustee Black related some job descriptions that she had gathered from other agencies and sheriff departments.

1. Would be a Social Worker with a police background
2. Would work with the schools
3. Would be on call for patients in the hospital
4. Would be on call for domestic violence

Trustee Sullivan stated we have to have a plan and be in agreement on what we are doing before we go to the meeting with Lake Zurich Village.

Trustee Black's game plan.

- a. We have the resumes and I have sent a letter of acknowledgement to each applicant to let them know that we are in process of reviewing them.
- b. Larry Nikodem would be the chair and any Board member is welcome at the interviews with the applicants.
- c. The school district is very interested in the Township having a Social Worker.

Trustee Knudtson summary of what this Social worker would be responsible for the coordination and delivery of not police related but social services including adult and juvenile crisis and case assessments and referrals to other social agencies and needs of the school districts, churches, hospitals and community. This person would be a full time employee under contractual status with the Township. This person would not be supervised by any of Board in their clinical duties.

Supervisor Tinerella stated that maybe we should run another ad in the paper with the word police removed.

Supervisor Tinerella stated that we should be prepared to tell the Lake Zurich Board that Ela Township is expecting to cut OMNI funding in half.

The Board was in very strong consensus not to inform the Lake Zurich of any such cut backs and if they wanted more information they attend the Board meeting.

Trustee Sullivan stated that if we hired a Social worker the Township would still supplement other agencies and the Township would still be willing help them all.

Trustee Burch envisioned this Social worker having offices at the Senior Center. Supervisor Tinerella wanted to know how one person working 8 hours a day could take care of everything that OMNI staff could handle? Trustee Black stated that she has conversed with a number of Social workers and they handle a much bigger area and that this Social worker would be handling a smaller area with no problem.

The Board again requested copies of the resumes and information that Trustee Black had received.

The Board was in consensus to attend the meeting with Lake Zurich village with open minds and to listen to their propositions and opinions on a Social Worker.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:48 P.M.

Trustee Burch's motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Knudtson. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustee Black, Burch, Knudtson and Sullivan all voted aye and the motion carried 5 to 0.

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